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MIDDLE EAST | A BLOW TO HAMAS



SIGNS OF UNREST: Hamas supporters hold portraits of Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the group's slain spiritual leader, at a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon on Monday. Israeli helicopters fired three missiles at Yassin early Monday as he left a mosque. **Shaken:** The scene in Gaza | Page 5

A Warning on Antidepressants

WASHINGTON | Doctors who prescribe some popular antidepressants should monitor their patients closely for warning signs of suicide, especially when they start the pills or change a dose, the government warned Monday.

The Food and Drug Administration asked makers of 10 drugs to add or strengthen suicide-related warnings on their labels.

The agency insists it's not yet clear whether the drugs actually spur suicide on occasion — or whether the underlying mental illness is to blame. But the FDA bowed to pressure from families who, at an emotional meeting last

month, blamed the pills for their loved ones' suicides and pleaded for better warnings.

While the FDA's investigation into the possible suicide link initially focused on children and teenagers, Monday's warning includes adults, too. The FDA had investigated reports of suicide among adult antidepressant users in the early 1990s and concluded there was no link, but it is now reanalyzing that question.

The drugs are: Prozac, Paxil, Zoloft, Effexor, Celexa, Lexapro, Luvox, Remeron, Serzone and Wellbutrin. Manufacturers didn't immediately say if they would comply. LAUREN NEERGAARD (AP)

Defense Of Bush Heats Up

White House rebuts charge al Qaeda threat was ignored

WASHINGTON | The White House on Monday intensified its criticism of former anti-terrorism adviser Richard Clarke, accusing him of inaccuracies and election-year grandstanding in a book that is sharply critical of President Bush's leadership in the war on terror.

On the eve of public hearings by the federal panel reviewing the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Vice President Dick Cheney and other top administration officials sought to counter accusations by Clarke that Bush was so preoccupied with Iraq both before and after those attacks that he failed to effectively confront threats from the al Qaeda terror network.



Clarke

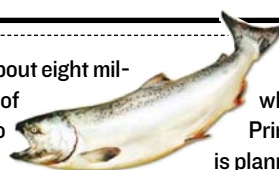
In his book, "Against All Enemies," Clarke wrote that Bush "launched an unnecessary and costly war in Iraq that strengthened the fundamentalist, radical Islamic terrorist movement worldwide."

Cheney, in a telephone interview with talk radio host Rush Limbaugh, said Clarke "clearly missed a lot of what was going on" during the two years he worked at the Bush White House. He noted that Clarke had left the White House after being passed over for a promotion and suggested he may have had a grudge to bear.

Clarke resigned his White House job 13 months ago, after holding senior posts under Presidents Reagan and Clinton and the first President Bush. TOM RAUM (AP)

Clarke's side: New book blasts Bush team | Page 3

BUSINESS | Reeling In Tourists Each summer, about eight million pink salmon swim through the waters around the city of Valdez, Alaska, but the run of tourists has been dwindling. So some Valdez residents have hatched a plan to provide a free,

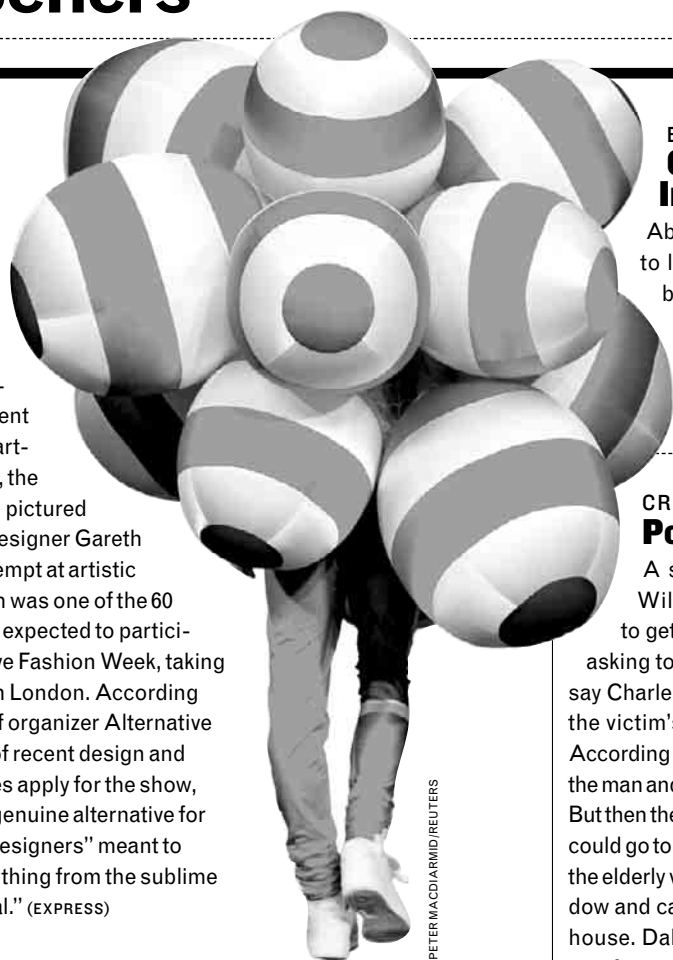


de-headed, gutted, vacuum-sealed pink salmon to anyone who drives up the Alaska Highway and later pays a visit to the Prince William Sound port city. A private, nonprofit fish hatchery is planning to shoulder the venture's cost. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

FASHION Off Target

Although it looks like an awkward advertisement for a certain department store chain, the bulbous creation pictured here is actually designer Gareth Pugh's latest attempt at artistic expression. Pugh was one of the 60 young designers expected to participate in Alternative Fashion Week, taking place this week in London. According to the Web site of organizer Alternative Arts, hundreds of recent design and fashion graduates apply for the show, described as a "genuine alternative for truly innovative designers" meant to showcase "everything from the sublime to the sensational." (EXPRESS)



PETER MACDIARMID/REUTERS

ENTERTAINMENT Clowns In Training

About 125 people who wanted to learn to blow the perfect bubble, apply just the right amount of pancake make-up and position that red rubber nose just so turned out in Arlington, Texas,



FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/AP

on Sunday for the Mooseburger Clown Training Camp. Folks like Linda Greene, left, of Midland, Texas — dressed as her alter ego "Greenie" — received four days of instruction from the Minnesota-based clown education group, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. Classes included face painting, magic, comedy, and hospital and gospel clowning. (EXPRESS)

CRIME Potty Break-Out

A spry 87-year-old man in Wilmington, Del., managed to get the best of a robber — by asking to use the bathroom. Police say Charles Dale forced his way into the victim's home Sunday morning. According to authorities, Dale tackled the man and went through his pockets. But then the man asked the robber if he could go to the bathroom. While there, the elderly victim climbed out of a window and called 911 from a neighbor's house. Dale was busted nearby and now faces a number of counts, including robbery and burglary. (AP)

LAW Nowhere Is Safe

After listening to testimony in a murder case, jurors returned to their Baltimore jury room to find that they had become victims of a crime — a thief had stolen their money, cell phones and car keys. "They were angry, hot, livid," said

lawyer Warren A. Brown, who was in the courtroom on another matter. "It's mind-boggling." Police think it was an inside job. The crime occurred about 2:30 p.m. Friday when a thief used a set of keys to slip into Circuit Court Judge John N. Prevas's locked jury room, Baltimore police officials said. (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH Lovable Loser

"Glorious Spring" is the undisputed darling of Japan's racetracks. Thousands pack the stands to watch the thoroughbred run; a new pop song sings her praises; and a movie

is in the works. The 8-year-old has earned all the attention with an ignoble feat: she's lost more than 100 races in a row. "It's better if she loses," said horseracing fan Noriyuki Fukui, 21. "If she won, it wouldn't be so interesting anymore." (AP)

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Mercury Deadline for Power Plants May Be Extended

The Bush administration is leaning toward stretching out plans for reducing mercury pollution from power plants until 2018 after concluding that technology for quick cuts isn't available. Under the plan, some plants would be able to buy their way out of reducing emissions, EPA officials say. (AP)

JERSEY CITY, N.J.

Nation's First Seaport Radiation Detectors Unveiled

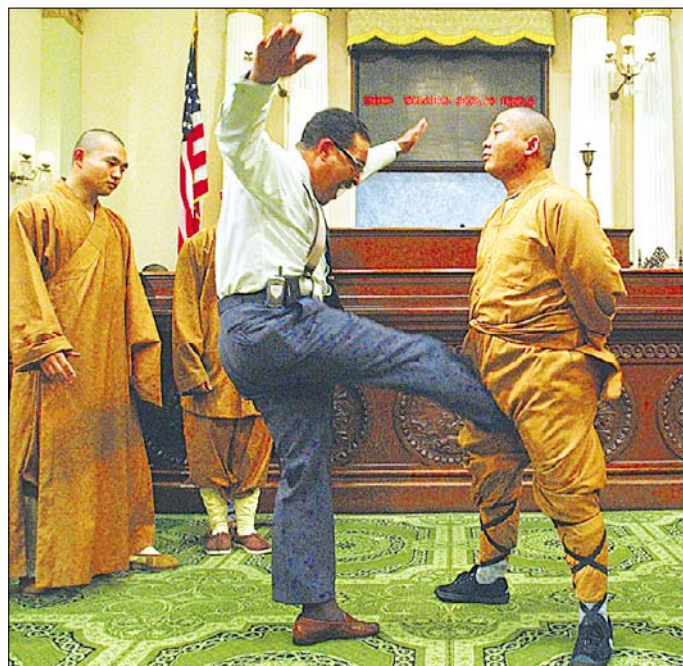
Jersey City has become the nation's first seaport to use new radiation detectors that scan all incoming cargo for nuclear or radiological weapons, federal officials said Monday. Similar devices are planned for 90 percent of the country's seaports by the end of summer, said U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert C. Bonner. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA

Defendant Punches Lawyer In Face During Murder Trial

A man on trial for raping and murdering a 6-year-old girl punched his defense lawyer in the face in court on Monday. The judge immediately sent jurors home for the day after Malik El-Shabazz hit attorney Fred Goodman. Cathie Abookire, a spokeswoman for the district attorney, said prosecutors believe El-Shabazz was trying to get a mistrial declared. El-Shabazz, 20, was returned to jail following the attack. Goodman was not seriously hurt, officials said. (AP)

FORTITUDE | THE UNKINDEST KICK



FEELING NO PAIN? Former Calif. Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson kicks Zhang Xiao Ju between the legs Monday during a strength demonstration by Buddhist monks at the state Capitol in Sacramento. With the monks urging him on, Wesson made several kicks to the monk, who showed no emotion.

RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Clarke: Bush Was Fixated on Iraq

Former official says talk of war on Saddam continued after Sept. 11

WASHINGTON | In a new book out Monday that drew immediate fire from White House officials, former anti-terrorism adviser Richard Clarke argued that a preoccupation with Iraq's Saddam Hussein distracted the Bush administration from al Qaeda and other terrorist groups.

In his book, "Against All Enemies," Clarke wrote that Iraq remained on the White House radar screen even immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Clarke accuses Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld of plotting to bomb Iraq one day after the strikes

on New York and Virginia, saying that Rumsfeld noted in a meeting that there weren't any good bombing targets in Afghanistan, but plenty in Iraq.

"At first I thought Rumsfeld was joking. But he was serious and the president did not reject out of hand the idea of attacking Iraq," Clarke wrote.

Overall, Clarke says Bush has done a "terrible job" fighting terrorism, writing that "the critique of him as a dumb, lazy rich kid was somewhat off the mark," but that Bush looks for "the simple solution, the bumper-sticker description of the problem." (AP)

Dueling perspectives: More on the allegations in Clarke's book and response from the Bush administration | washingtonpost.com/politics

World Population Growth Slowing

WASHINGTON | The world's population growth is slowing because women are having fewer children and more people are dying from AIDS, especially in Africa, according to a Census Bureau report released Monday.

The global population grew 1.2 percent from 2001 to 2002, or about 74 million people, but growth will slow to 0.42 percent by 2050. That's far below the peak growth of 2.2 percent between 1963 and 1964. (AP)

U.S. to Test Rail Passenger Screening

Security on trains won't resemble airport measures, Ridge says

WASHINGTON | Later this spring the government will begin testing a way to screen rail passengers and their luggage to see if it can quickly and accurately detect security risks, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Monday.

Ridge said the project would take place at a yet-to-be determined

Amtrak commuter rail station. He offered few details about the way rail passengers would be screened, but stressed that it won't resemble security checkpoints at airports.

"We cannot apply an aviation standard to railroads and mass transit," he said. "The security environment for trains will never resemble aviation."



Ridge

Homeland Security officials said the purpose of the project would be to test new technologies and screening concepts to see if they could be applied to trains, which depend on passengers being able to get on and off cars quickly.

Ridge's announcement came a day before a Senate Commerce Committee hearing on what can be done to protect the U.S. rail system from attacks like the bombings in Spain that killed 202 and injured more than 1,800. LESLIE MILLER (AP)



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Nichols Bomb Trial Begins

McVeigh friend faces death for alleged role in Oklahoma City

MCALISTER, OKLA. | Terry Nichols went on trial for his life Monday in the Oklahoma City bombing and was alternately portrayed as an eager participant in the attack and a fall guy in a conspiracy wider than the government has acknowledged.

Nichols hated the U.S. government and worked hand-in-hand with Timothy McVeigh in assembling and detonating the "huge, monstrous bomb," prosecutor Lou Keel said during opening statements in the state murder trial.

"These two were partners, and their business was terrorism," Keel said.

Defense attorney Brian Hermanson countered that McVeigh and other conspirators were responsible for the bombing and Nichols was manipulated by McVeigh to take the blame.



Nichols

"Timothy McVeigh set him up so McVeigh could cover up the others who acted in this conspiracy," Hermanson said.

Nichols, 48, is already serving a life sentence on federal charges for

the deaths of eight federal law officers in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people. The state charges are for the 160 other victims and one victim's fetus.

Prosecutors brought the state charges in hopes of sending Nichols to the death chamber for his role in the bombing — the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil at the time. McVeigh was executed in 2001.

Prosecutors allege that Nichols conspired with McVeigh to build the bomb in a plot to avenge the FBI siege against the Branch Davidian sect at Waco, Texas, exactly two years earlier.

The trial is expected to last four to six months. **TIM TALLEY (AP)**

MAIL WORRIES | SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE



PRECAUTIONARY TALE: Atlanta fire officials, dressed in hazardous materials suits, exit the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta on Monday after investigating a report of an envelope containing a suspicious powder. The recipient was not identified and the letter was taken by the FBI.

O'Neill's Documents Not Illegal

But 140 items should not have been released, Treasury report says

WASHINGTON | Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who painted an unflattering portrait of President Bush in a book in January, received 140 government documents for the book that should not have been released after he left office, the Treasury Department's inspector general says.

The report Monday from Jeffrey Rush Jr. said that no federal laws had been violated in the release of the documents but that Treasury needed to improve the way it handled sensitive documents.

O'Neill, who was fired in December 2002 when Bush decided to shake up his economic team, put in a request after leaving office for all the documents that had crossed his desk that he was entitled to have.

He turned the 19,000 documents he received over to former Wall Street Journal reporter Ron Suskind, the man O'Neill had selected to tell the story of his two years in the Bush administration.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

Town Glad to Be Rid of 'Girls Gone Wild'

PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLA. | "Girls Gone Wild" is turning its cameras on other locales this year, and that's just fine with officials who are trying to erase this city's image as a bawdy, beer-soaked spring break capital.

"No matter how good spring break business is, having that brand on your head is not good," Mayor Lee Sullivan said.

A former police chief who favors cowboy hats and boots, Sullivan has

waged a public campaign against the "Girls Gone Wild" video series for, among other things, furthering the city's raunchy image.

Last year, he threatened jail to those who would ask young women to "go wild." And he made good on that promise when the "Girls Gone Wild" producer and his crew were arrested on charges that included filming underage girls baring their breasts. **(AP)**

In Brief

IRAQ

2 Finnish Businessmen Gunned Down in Baghdad

Gunmen killed two Finnish businessmen as they drove in Baghdad on Monday, the latest foreign civilians to die in Iraq. The two were killed near a highway underpass in west Baghdad, according to witnesses. The assailants fled, and there were no reports of arrests. (AP)

IRELAND

Talkin' Trash: The More It Weighs, the More They Pay

Ireland announced plans Monday to charge its citizens according to the weight of the garbage they produce — a measure designed to promote recycling. Two years ago, Ireland became the first country to tax plastic shopping bags; the 16-cent charge quickly encouraged shoppers to switch to fabric bags instead. (AP)

AFGHANISTAN

New Afghan Army Deployed To Herat to Quell Fighting

President Hamid Karzai launched one of the largest mobilizations of his new U.S.-trained army Monday, sending hundreds of soldiers to the western city of Herat after battles between rival warlords killed about 100 people. U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said an American B-10 bomber also buzzed the combatants late Sunday “to help try to calm the fighting.” (AP)

WHO KNEW? A local council in Blackburn, northwest England, has banned the backstroke at its Daisyfield pool, saying it fears swimmers could injure themselves if they collide. (AP)

Calls for Revenge Ring Out in Gaza

Outbursts of grief, anger after Hamas leader is killed by Israel

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians flooded Gaza's streets Monday to bury Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin, who was assassinated by an Israeli missile early Monday. As ordinary Palestinians seethed with anger, militants pledged unprecedented retaliation — including threats against the United States.

“The Zionists didn't carry out their operation without getting the consent of the terrorist American administration and it [the United States] must take responsibility for this crime,” Hamas said in a statement. “All the Muslims of the world will be honored to join in on the retaliation for this crime.”

Many world leaders condemned the killing of Yassin, the most prominent Palestinian targeted by Israel in 3 1/2 years of fighting. The Bush administration said it was “deeply troubled” by the attack and that it had no advance warning.

Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza, banning Palestinians from Israel, and placed its security forces on high alert.

Later Monday, Palestinian mili-



PROCESSION: Palestinians carry the body of Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin during his funeral in Gaza City on Monday.

tants fired several homemade rockets and mortar shells at Israeli targets in and near Gaza. To the north, Hezbollah guerrillas fired an anti-tank missile at Israeli troops along Israel's border with Lebanon.

Israel quickly responded to both attacks, striking at Hezbollah with planes and artillery fire and sending tanks into northern Gaza. (AP)

Withering criticism: European and Arab leaders condemned the killing of Yassin | Today's Post: Section A

Hamas Founder Revered as Spiritual, Ideological Leader

JERUSALEM | Sheik Ahmed Yassin, a quadriplegic preacher, founded the Islamic militant group Hamas in 1987 and presided over its rise to a violent, radical alternative to Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

The frail Yassin was the ideological force behind Hamas, which is responsible for scores of suicide bombings and other attacks against Israelis. At the same time, the group curries loyalty among impoverished Palestinians by offering desperately needed social services.

Yassin was born in what is now the Israeli city of Ashkelon. He grew

up in Palestinian refugee camps in Gaza after his family was uprooted in 1948 with Israel's founding. He went on to make a name for himself as a teacher and spiritual leader.

Although he handled millions of dollars in donations from supporters, he was revered for never taking money for himself, which stood in contrast to the extravagant, corruption-tainted lifestyles adopted by some Palestinian Authority officials. (AP)



Yassin

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **While aides to Yasser Arafat** say the Palestinian leader fears he may be next on Israel's hit list, an Israeli security official said Israel is focused on Hamas, at least for now.

→ **Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak** canceled a planned visit by legislators to Israel's parliament Tuesday to mark the 25th anniversary of the Egypt-Israel peace accord.

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World

Al Qaeda Suspects May Have Escaped

Pakistani troops find mile-long tunnel near besieged compound

WANA, PAKISTAN | Pakistani forces
discovered a mile-long tunnel lead-
ing from a besieged mud fortress to
a dry stream bed, and said Monday
the secret passage may have allowed
top al Qaeda suspects to escape
toward the Afghan frontier.

The forces found the mile-long
tunnel running under the town of
Kaloosha, about nine miles from the
Afghan border. The Pakistani mili-
tary has clamped a 20-square-mile
cordon around Kaloosha and other
tribal towns in South Waziristan,
and say they are confident nobody
has escaped the area.

But the cordon did not exist at
the disastrous start of the operation

Mar. 16, when Pakistani forces sent
to arrest local tribesmen were sur-
prised by a ferocious barrage from
within the compound walls. Fifteen
soldiers and 26 militants died in the
initial assault before the military sent
in thousands of reinforcements.

Three senior officials have told
the AP they believe al Qaeda No. 2
Ayman al-Zawahri may have been at
the fortress, though the government
has repeatedly said it does not know
who is inside. President Gen. Pervez
Musharraf said that a "high-value"
target was likely involved.

The tunnel, which undoubt-
edly took months to construct, was
another indication an important
fugitive was in the area at some
point. AHSANULLAH WAZIR (AP)

White flag: Pakistani tribal leaders
attempt to broker a peaceful end to
the 6-day battle | Today's Post: Section A

INDONESIA | WON BY A NECK(ING)



PUCKER UP: Girls laugh during a kissing festival Monday on the island of Bali.
Locals believe the yearly festival ensures the kissers' good health. Village
priests dumped buckets of water over the couples to douse their passions.

Local

WASHINGTON | HIGH ON HER ELEPHANT



BIG TOP: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus elephant Asia walks with performer Christina Gebel through downtown Washington on Monday in advance of a March 24-28 engagement at the MCI Center.

Warner Criticizes House Over Va. Budget Delays

ROANOKE, VA. | Gov. Mark R. Warner chided the House of Delegates Monday for relying on “gimmicks and one-time fixes” to raise state revenues instead of considering taxes proposed by the Senate.

“To say ‘I’m against raising taxes’ and then pass the buck to local governments is not the right way to operate a government,” Warner told about 60 people at a downtown cafe.

The governor plans on meeting with local officials around the state this week as Senate and House budget conferees take a break from negotiating the two-year budget. Both chambers need to give a little ground, Warner said.



Gov. Mark Warner is urging a compromise in the Virginia budget battle.

House and Senate representatives are expected to meet again on Wednesday after a two-day rest. They have deadlocked over tax increases since the negotiations began on March 4. CHRIS KAHN (AP)

District To Ship Filters

Montgomery steps up testing after 3 schools show high lead levels

WASHINGTON | Thousands of water filters will be delivered to homes with lead service lines, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority officials announced Monday.

One week after Mayor Anthony A. Williams directed WASA to get the filters to those who need them, the agency’s general manager said they would be delivered by UPS. Williams called it unreasonable to ask people to pick up the filters.

More than 2,800 filters have been handed out to the 23,000 city homes with lead service lines.

The authority’s general manager, Jerry Johnson, expects filter deliveries to be complete by April 10.

Still, WASA cautioned that the filters are not a cure-all, and recommended flushing the taps before filtering drinking water.

Meanwhile, Montgomery County is picking up the pace on testing after South Lake Elementary in Gaithersburg, Maryvale Elementary in Rockville and Gaithersburg Elementary all tested high for lead in the water.

Starting Tuesday, the county plans to double the number of schools tested each day. Since last week, they’ve only been doing one school per day. Now, they’ll check the water at two schools. (AP)

HEARSAY | DEFENSE?

“If you had the sort of background Andre grew up with, it’s easy to see how he turned out to be a drunken crackhead.”

—DEFENSE LAWYER TOMMY MOORE
TRYING TO KEEP ANDRE EDWARDS FROM GETTING THE DEATH PENALTY FOR ABDUCTING, RAPING AND KILLING VA. RESIDENT GINGER LYNN HAYES.

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Money

Dow Slides Closer to 10,000

Wall Street declines sharply on Mideast news

MARKETS | Investors increasingly worried about terrorism extended Wall Street's sharp decline into another week Monday, selling stocks across the market and giving the Dow Jones industrials their fifth triple-digit drop in the past nine sessions.

The blue chips came close to breaching 10,000 for the first

time since Dec. 12 after Israeli troops killed the leader of the Palestinian group Hamas early Monday. Hamas has promised retaliation against both Israel and the United States.

The turbulence in the Middle East discouraged investors already uneasy about a slow economic recovery and tepid job growth.

Wall Street was also worried about decreased consumer spending due to rising oil prices.

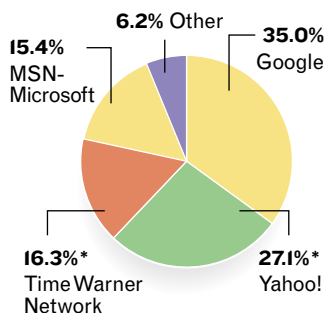
The Dow Jones industrial average finished the session down 121.85, or 1.2 percent, at 10,064.75. The index fell as low as 10,012.23 in afternoon trading.

The Dow came off a 53.48 loss last week, and has lost 672.95, or 6.3 percent, since its recent high of 10,737.70 on Feb. 17. (AP)

'Google' It

Google has become the Internet's top search engine: In December, it accounted for three-quarters of U.S. searches, about half at google.com and the rest through partners such as AOL and Yahoo! that tap Google's index. Now, however, Yahoo! — which ended its relationship with Google last month — and Microsoft Corp. are aggressively developing rival technology.

Search Share (December 2003)



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COMSCORE NETWORKS/AP

Home Depot Launches Online Gift Registry

Perhaps the newlyweds need a wheelbarrow?

RETAIL | Home Depot is going the way of retailers like Crate & Barrel and Macy's by offering an online gift registry.

Industry observers see it as a way for the Atlanta-based company to improve its relationship with customers, even if it isn't a boon for the bottom line. The initiative, to be launched Tuesday, is a first for a home-improvement chain.

Home Depot says it is banking on its research that shows more people are getting married later in life, perhaps for a second time, and already have small appliances, fine china and cutlery.

Home Depot "allows them to express themselves in a more unique way," said Shelley Nandkeolyar, the company's e-commerce chief.

So far, the top items among the 839 people who registered on Home Depot's Web site are a double hammock with stand, a wheelbarrow and an electric power washer. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: An uncertain economy and other sporty alternatives have cut into sales of convertibles. Total U.S. convertible registrations were 296,433 in 2003, down 2.3% from 2002, according to R.L. Polk & Co. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IndlDist	7.35	+1.16	+18.7
TerraNitro	13.74	+1.48	+12.1
BarryRG h	2.35	+0.20	+9.3
Terra	5.98	+0.51	+9.3
Vestals	3.97	+0.28	+7.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Oneida	3.30	-.42	-11.3
Taiwan	12.24	-1.26	-9.3
WHX	2.74	-.25	-8.4
WolvTub	7.95	-.71	-8.2
TaiwGChn	4.43	-.39	-8.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MadBFL s	29.10	+7.60	+35.3
Magal	16.59	+4.09	+32.7
MonServ	2.10	+0.40	+23.5
SigaTech	2.28	+0.43	+23.2
M-Wave	4.24	+0.78	+22.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ebooks	9.91	-4.34	-30.5
MicrFit	2.55	-.59	-18.8
Emcore	3.45	-.70	-16.9
Hansen	11.25	-2.20	-16.4
NtwrEng	3.53	-.67	-16.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.93	0.93
2-year	1.49	1.53
10-year	3.72	3.766

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5415	.5459	.6396
Canadian Dollar	1.3314	1.3295	1.4937
European Euro	.8106	.8144	.9493
Japanese Yen	106.76	106.72	121.51
Mexican Peso	10.9770	10.9650	10.7175
Taiwanese Dollar	33.29	33.17	34.78

DOW NASDAQ S&P 500

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-121.85	-30.57	-14.38
-1.20	-1.58	-1.30
10064.75	1909.90	1095.40

Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amersham	73.50	+0.53	+7.6
Amgen	60.11	-.84	-2.7
ApplBio	19.90	-.46	-3.9
BiogenIdc	52.32	-.56	+42.6
Celgene	45.89	-1.37	+2.3
Chiron	45.10	-.80	-20.8
Genentech	102.14	-2.71	+9.2
Genzyme	45.50	-1.50	-7.7
GileadSci	53.46	-1.84	-8.3
IMS Hlth	21.90	-.55	-11.9
LabCorp	38.03	-.49	+2.9
MedImm	23.99	-.38	-5.5
MillPhar	17.02	-.70	-8.7
Monsanto	33.77	-.48	+17.3
QstDiag	81.59	-.76	+11.6

Supersize Your PC's DVD Burner

DVD | If you just bought a DVD-burning drive for your computer and think that for once you're current with the latest and greatest, it's disappointment time.

Manufacturers are soon launching drives that can store double the amount of data on a disc.

Sony Electronics says it will be shipping drives in about two months that accept blank DVDs with two data layers. Philips Electronics will start selling a similar drive in Europe in April, but is not saying when it will be available in the United States.



Sony's DRX-700UL DVD burner. AP

The write-once discs can store up to 8.5 gigabytes of data, or about 4 hours of DVD-quality movies, twice the capacity of regular blank DVDs. This means capacities for computer-burned DVDs are catching up with prerecorded movie DVDs, many of which are already dual-layer. PETER SVENSSON (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: Twenty-nine percent of e-mail users have reduced their overall use of the medium because of the growing flood of junk messages, according to the Pew Internet and American Life Project. (AP)

It's Got Your Back

Backup batteries are there for you when your charger's not

TECH TEST | With power-hogging games, cameras and navigation systems becoming common features on cell phones, there are now a growing number of gizmos designed to provide some power in a pinch if you find yourself without your recharger or an outlet.

I tested two products — a \$5 instant battery and a \$30 solar-powered charger. Both had merits but fell short of expectations.

The simplest was Cellboost, a disposable instant battery that looks like a Zippo lighter and weighs just 1.25 ounces. It plugs into the base of the cell phone to



Cellboost, a 1.25-ounce battery that plugs into the bottom of a cell phone. ERIC RISBERG/AP

provide up to 60 minutes of talk time or up to 60 hours of standby time. The device will be sold online and in 5,500 U.S. retail outlets by April. After I drained my batteries, Cellboost gave me 35 minutes of talk time before the "low battery" warning flashed.

The MicroSolar rechargeable power supply kit (\$30) uses an eco-friendly solar panel to charge four AAA nickel metal hydride batteries, which in turn connect via included cable to the phone to provide up to 60 minutes of talk time.

It wasn't until after three and a half days of charging in full sunlight that the batteries began to charge my phone. By then, I was exasperated and had resumed my nightly habit of plugging it into a conventional charger. RACHEL KONRAD (AP)

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Health & Fitness

Low-Calorie Diet May Extend Life

DIET | It may never be too late to extend life through a restricted calorie diet. A study shows that a strict, low-calorie diet increased the life span of aged mice by more than 40 percent.

Many studies have shown that starting young mice on a restricted-calorie diet helps them live for months longer than lab animals fed a standard diet. But the new research shows that even 19-month-old mice, about the human equivalent of 60 to 65 years, can have a longer life when eating fewer calories. The study appears this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Researchers led by Stephen R. Spindler of the University of California, Riverside, found that restricting calories for old mice had an immediate benefit in slowing the aging process and that eventually the animals lived up to six months longer than their litter mates who were fed the standard diet.

It's still unproven that calorie restriction would extend life in humans as it does in mice, said Spindler, but if the findings do translate to people "this could mean a lot more years and a lot of good years." PAUL RECER (AP)

Life Minus Smell

Are zinc nasal sprays causing users to lose their power of scent?

SIDE EFFECTS | The safety of zinc gluconate nasal sprays taken to ease symptoms and shorten the duration of the common cold is under review following reports that people lost their sense of smell after using the products.

The reports involve people who used Zicam Cold Remedy nasal gel or Cold-Eeze Cold Remedy nasal spray, both of which are sold over the counter. At least five lawsuits have been filed across the United States, according to court documents, and several physicians said they had examined patients who complained of a severe burning sensation and loss of smell and taste after using one of the products.

The Food and Drug Administration is reviewing reports from patients, said an agency spokesman.

Officials from Matrixx Initiatives, which makes Zicam, and Quigley Corp., maker of Cold-Eeze, said they did not believe their products were harming people.

Penny Sugar, 57, of San Diego



DON KELSEN/L.A. TIMES

Penny Sugar lost her sense of smell permanently after using Zicam spray.

said she lost her sense of smell last summer after she tried Zicam spray to alleviate her cold symptoms. Last week she learned that her ability to smell and taste were permanently gone.

Anosmia has not been associated with zinc nasal swabs or zinc gluconate cold lozenges. Zicam Cold Remedy comes in nasal spray, swabs, oral mist, chewables and tablets.

Some ear, nose and throat specialists suggest the difference is that the sprays have the potential to come into direct contact with the olfactory cleft, a patch of nasal tissue containing the olfactory nerve.

JANE E. ALLEN (L.A. TIMES)

A Visit to Therapy Land: 3,000 psychotherapists gathered in D.C. earlier this month. Here's what they had to say. In today's Washington Post, Health section.

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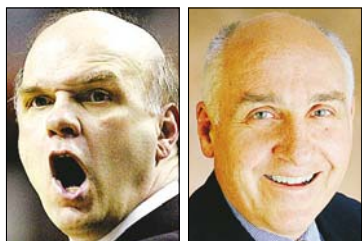
For St. Joseph's, Now It's Personal

Hawks hope to get last laugh in feud with Wake Forest-alum Packer

NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT | Hardly anyone gets in a last word against Saint Joe's yapping pit bull of a coach, Phil Martelli.

Not a player. Not a fan. And if Martelli can do anything about it, surely not a talking head on television.

In this particular case, the head belongs to CBS commentator Billy Packer, who had the temerity to doubt Saint Joseph's credentials to be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA men's



Martelli

Packer

basketball tournament.

Martelli called Packer a "jack-ass," among other less kind com-

ments, and questioned Packer's basketball smarts.

Packer responded by reminding everyone that he helped Wake Forest beat Saint Joe's in the 1962 tournament.

In a delicious twist of tournament fate, Saint Joe's plays Wake Forest on Thursday in East Rutherford, N.J., and Packer will be there with his microphone and his opinions.

Packer doesn't regret anything

he said about Saint Joe's.

When the top seeds were picked, Packer thought Duke, Stanford, Kentucky and Oklahoma State should have been No. 1 in their regions, and that Saint Joe's was the next best team.

"I would stand by my reasoning as we speak," Packer said Monday. Packer says he won't be rooting for his alma mater against Saint Joe's, simply because he doesn't root for anyone.

"I couldn't care less who wins the game," he said. STEVE WILSTEIN (AP)



Bethany Hamilton reached the semifinals in last weekend's competition.

Maryland Eyes Second Upset in NCAA Tourney

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT | LSU will have experience on its side when it takes on Maryland in the second round of the NCAA tournament on Tuesday.

The Lady Tigers, seeded fourth in the West region, are playing in their sixth straight NCAA tournament and will have home-court advantage.

On the other hand, the 12th seeded-Terrapins advanced in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1992 with an upset of No. 5 seed Miami.

"We talked a lot about how people expect us to collapse in this game," said Maryland coach Brenda Frese. "But we're very confident. We believe every time we step on the court good things can happen."

LSU beat Austin Peay 83-66 in the first round by limiting Gerlonda Hardin to 12 points, six below her season's average. It's what LSU coach Pokey Chatman refers to as cutting the head off the snake — taking a team's best player or big leader out.



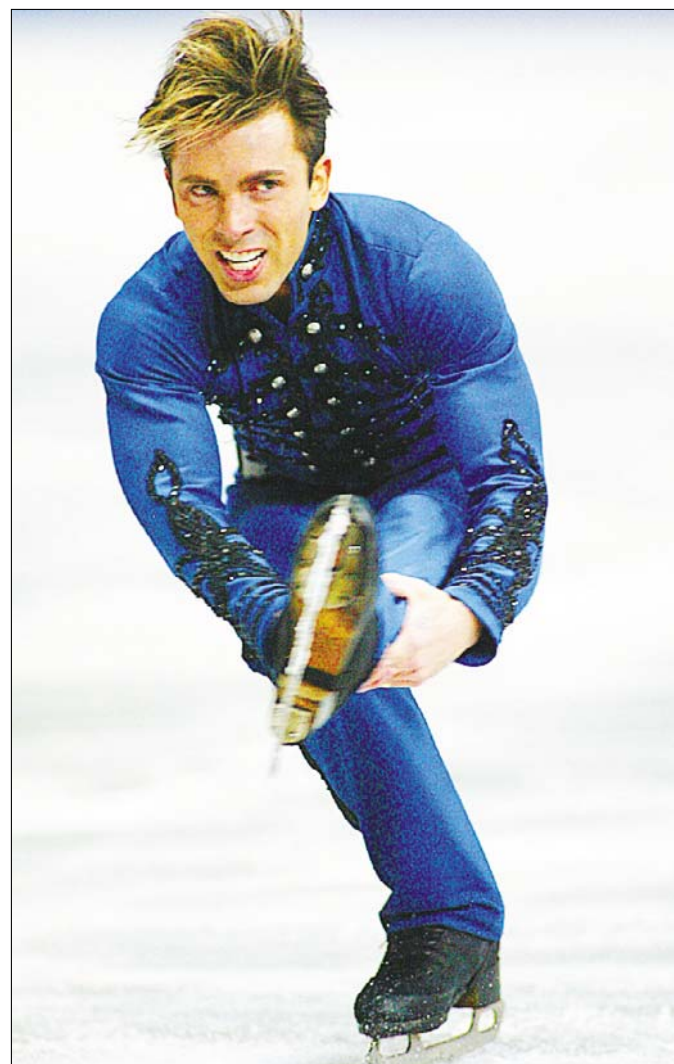
Maryland coach Brenda Frese says her team is ready to defeat LSU Tuesday.

Against Maryland that won't be so easy.

"However many people are on their roster, that's how many heads the snake has," Chatman said. "They are so balanced, their leading scorer comes off the bench. This is a multiple-headed snake."

MARY FOSTER (AP)

FIGURE SKATING | ON THIN ICE



A LEG UP: Virginian Michael Weiss performs his long program during the men's qualifying round at the World Figure Skating Championships on Monday, in Dortmund, Germany. He ranks fifth in Group B of the competition.

Hamilton Gets Back On Board

14-year-old survivor of shark attack returns to competitive surfing

SURFING | With a surfboard tucked under her right arm and securely leashed to her ankle, Bethany Hamilton paused before stepping into the churning Pacific.

She wasn't reluctant to enter the ocean just months after a shark bit off most of her left arm — just the opposite.

She couldn't wait to get back in the water.

Bethany, 14, competed over the weekend in the National Scholastic Surfing Association Hawaii Regional Championships on Oahu's North Shore. It was her third competition since the Oct. 31 attack off the North Shore of Kauai, her Hawaii hometown.

She struggled to catch a wave in choppy 3-foot seas Saturday and failed to advance in her division but still managed a smile and a thumbs-up as she came out of the ocean. She did reach the semifinals of the Women's Open on Sunday.

Tom Hamilton said his daughter's faith helped her overcome the tragedy. And she has become an inspiration even to those outside the surfing community.

"After a while the attention wears on her, but there's just no way of getting away from it," he said. JAYMES SONG (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on ESPN) No. 8 seed Virginia Tech looks to upend No. 1 seed Penn State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. That game is followed by No. 12 seed Maryland going for a second-straight tournament upset when facing No. 4 seed LSU.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (11:30 p.m. on

ESPN2) George Mason hopes to extend its season with a victory at Oregon in the third round of the NIT.

PRO BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on WB50) The Wizards will be without Gilbert Arenas when visiting the Utah Jazz.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Capitals square off with the New York Islanders.



MOVING: Safety John Lynch, released by Tampa Bay last week, agreed to a deal Monday with Denver, instantly becoming a division rival of old teammate Warren Sapp, who signed Saturday night with the Raiders. (AP)

Sports

Redskins to Play in Hall of Fame Game

PRO FOOTBALL | Joe Gibbs will become the second coaching inductee to lead a team in the Hall of Fame game when the Washington Redskins play the Denver Broncos on Aug. 9.

The NFL's preseason schedule, released Monday, also has a rematch of the Super Bowl with New England taking on Carolina on Aug. 28.

Gibbs, making his return to Washington after 11 seasons out of



Hall-of-Famer Joe Gibbs will coach in the Hall of Fame preseason game.

football, was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1996. The only other Hall of Famer to coach in the game after his induction was Paul Brown, who did it for Cincinnati in 1975. (AP)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
New Jersey	41	28	.594	—	4-6	28-13
Miami	33	37	.471	8.5	8-2	22-21
New York	32	38	.457	9.5	6-4	25-19
Boston	31	40	.437	11	6-4	20-25
Philadelphia	28	42	.400	13.5	4-6	21-25
Washington	22	47	.319	19	2-8	14-33
Orlando	19	53	.264	23.5	2-8	15-30

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-Indiana	50	19	.725	—	7-3	31-11
X-Detroit	46	25	.648	5	9-1	30-15
New Orleans	36	34	.514	14.5	4-6	26-22
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	16	2-8	27-17
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Atlanta	22	48	.314	28.5	2-8	13-30
Chicago	20	49	.290	30	3-7	17-25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
Minnesota	48	22	.686	—	5-5	25-16
San Antonio	46	24	.657	2	7-3	26-16
Dallas	44	25	.638	3.5	5-5	27-17
Memphis	43	26	.623	4.5	8-2	26-18
Houston	39	29	.574	8	5-5	17-23
Utah	36	34	.514	12	6-4	21-21
Denver	36	35	.507	12.5	3-7	22-19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.
X-Sacramento	51	19	.729	—	6-4	29-14
L.A. Lakers	47	23	.671	4	8-2	23-18
Portland	35	34	.507	15.5	6-4	18-25
Seattle	32	38	.457	19	5-5	18-23
Golden State	29	40	.420	21.5	4-6	19-26
L.A. Clippers	27	43	.386	24	2-8	13-30
Phoenix	23	47	.329	28	3-7	13-31

Standings through March 21.
X-Clinched playoff berth.

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SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Tampa Bay	42	21	8	5	97	223	179
Atlanta	30	34	8	4	72	202	228
Florida	27	31	14	3	71	167	195
Carolina	26	30	13	6	71	151	183
Washington	22	42	9	2	55	171	231

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Philadelphia	38	18	14	6	96	216	171
New Jersey	38	23	12	2	90	189	152
N.Y. Islanders	34	27	10	4	82	212	194
N.Y. Rangers	25	36	7	8	65	193	229
Pittsburgh	20	45	7	4	51	173	285

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Boston	37	17	14	7	95	191	170
X-Toronto	41	23	9	3	94	223	193
X-Ottawa	39	21	9	6	93	241	168
Montreal	40	26	7	3	90	198	173
Buffalo	33	32	6	4	76	198	206

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
X-Detroit	43	19	11	2	99	236	172
Nashville	34	27	11	3	82	198	200
St. Louis	34	28	11	2	81	174	185
Chicago	20	38	10	6	56	174	227
Columbus	21	42	8	4	54	161	221

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	38	20	12	5	93	222	181
Vancouver	37	24	10	5	89	214	187
Calgary	38	27	7	3	86	186	163
Edmonton	32	27	12	4	80	204	193
Minnesota	25	27	20	2	72	161	164

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	37	20	12	6	92	198	171
Dallas	38	24	13	0	89	175	158
Los Angeles	28	23	16	7	79	195	196
Anaheim	27	31	10	8	72	173	201
Phoenix	20	31	18	6	64	180	224

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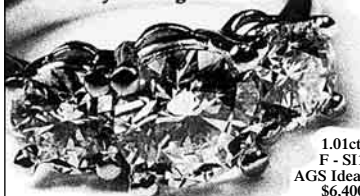
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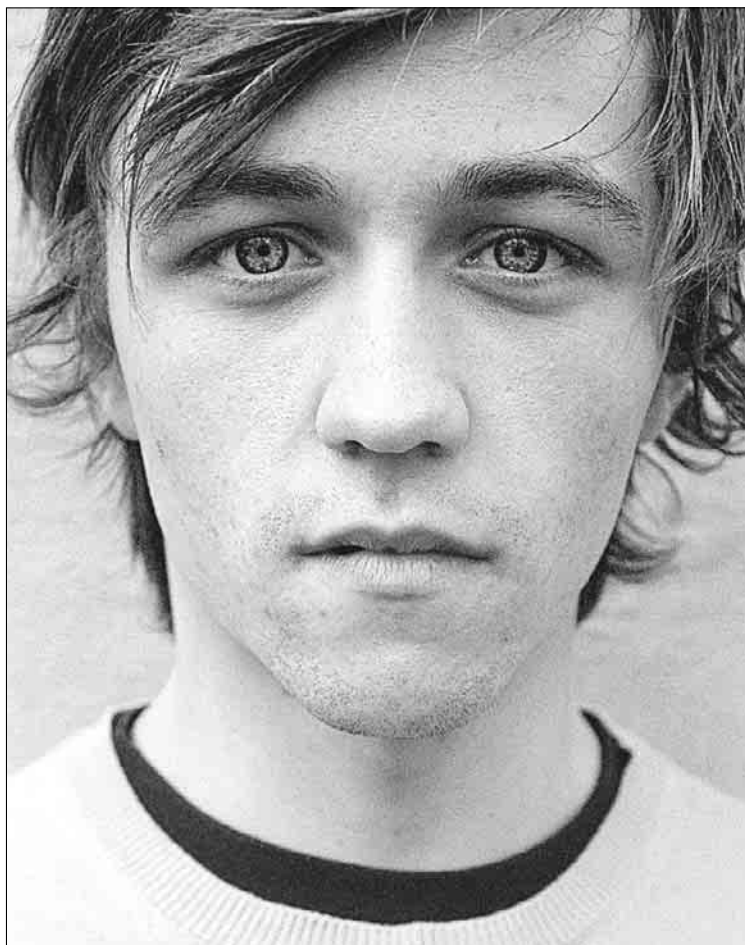
Sondre Lerche's orchestral pop songs get him rock-star attention

PERSONALITY | Singer-songwriter Sondre Lerche's charming 2001 debut "Faces Down" was released in Europe when the Norwegian was only 18 years old. But instead of succumbing to the pressure of becoming a wunderkind indie star, the 21-year-old displays poise and self-assurance when discussing his sophomore effort, "Two Way Monologue," released this month by Astralwerks.

"I wanted to make everything a bit more intimate, something that is a bit more homogenic," Lerche said. "With 'Faces Down,' I felt I had to introduce everybody to every aspect of what I was doing, so that way every song is very different and kind of extreme in [its] own style."

"Monologue" comes across as a more focused, cohesive outing. Lush, decadent strings and horns drive the velvety instrumental "Love You," "Days That Are Over" pulses with a low-key jangle and the 1960s pop pastiche "Wet Ground" recalls the debonair arrangements of Burt Bacharach.

Lerche cites the interaction between him and his long-time band, affectionately called the Faces Down,



MIDNIGHT SUN: Sondre Lerche writes and sings moody, intensely melodic songs.

as integral to the tightly constructed tunes. In fact, much of the new album's maturation stems from the camaraderie the group developed while working on both albums.

"I put a lot of trust into and I also depend very much on the people I work with. It's so much more than a musical collaboration; it's a very personal thing," Lerche explained.

And while the execution of the songs might sound effortless, Lerche notes that their construction was anything but. "[It] didn't come as easy as with 'Faces Down,'" he says. "That was more of an unconscious discovery of suddenly managing to write the songs I've been trying to write for years and years."

And while his affection for "Monologue" influences the album's endearing atmosphere, Lerche fervently hopes that everyone else will eventually share in this enthusiasm.

"I'd love for this music to be all over radio, and I'd love for it to be investigated by music nerds who want to discover the different references and hear the different instruments or whatever," he said. "I love the fact that it can come across so differently to all kinds of people."

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HAVE GUITAR, WILL TRAVEL: Freedy Johnston puts the "earful" in "tearful."

Lapidary Pop: Freedy Johnston

Richard Buckner's weekly songwriter's showcase kicks into high gear with special guest Freedy Johnston, the crafter of gem-like songs much sadder than they sound. With Kenny Roby.

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Little Disturbances: Grace Paley Talks

2 Beloved, much-awarded poet and fiction writer Grace Paley is the author of numerous exquisite, layered short stories that show modern life through a multi-refracting prism. The "bard of Jewish New York" discusses and signs her work tonight.

D.C. Jewish Community Center, 1529 16th St. NW; 7:30 p.m., free, but reservations are suggested; 888-621-2230.

Revolution Rock: Decembrists at Black Cat

3 The Decembrists are the usual pop band — you know, accordion, theremin, organ, steel-pedal guitar. They even took their name from a group of 19th-century Russian revolutionaries and play lush symphonic pop and mention pirates a lot, just like Hoobastank.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8:30 p.m., \$10; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Same Old Story

Rapper Cassidy has one less personality than his debut claims

MUSIC | The first track on Cassidy's debut album, "Split Personality" (J Records), offers hope that the rapper's lyrics may actually be worth listening to — something more than the usual unimaginative rhymes about sex, drugs and bling-bling.

"Most of these of these ignorant rappers talkin' 'bout money they gettin', bars they spittin' ... but they gotta expand their mind and rhyme something different," Cassidy declares on the opener,

"My Interpretation."

Maybe that song was from his demo. Because all the other songs show that the Philly rhymer brings nothing new or original to the game.

Instead, he's just another forgettable rapper who may have enough wit for a guest appearance on somebody else's track, but certainly not enough to sustain a whole song, let alone an album.

This album has every tired rap cliché — when he's not bragging about how many women he can get at the after party, he's talking about how skillfully he can stab or shoot you, what he's drinking or what he's wearing.



FEEL AT HOME: A good guest rapper becomes a lousy host on Cassidy's debut.

There's even the now-obligatory rap skit poking fun at some immigrant store owner.

Guest appearances from Snoop Dogg and Jadakiss can't elevate the material from its pedestrian feel.

The best track is "Hotel" with R. Kelly, which is only appealing because Kelly recycles the seductive groove from his four-year-old dance hit "Fiesta" — yet again.

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Entertainment

Fire Theft Rises From Ashes

LIVE MUSIC | The Fire Theft — opening tonight for Granddaddy and Saves the Day at the 9:30 Club — has compiled one of the more interesting and influential rock careers of the last decade while toiling largely in anonymity.

The Fire Theft's former incarnation, Sunny Day Real Estate, expertly combined the ethos of D.C.'s burgeoning emo scene with the soupy

grunge of its Seattle hometown. While enigmatic lead singer Jeremy Enigk's anguished vocals and startling falsetto gained SDRE a huge cult following, the band never succeeded commercially.

Following its sophomore release in 1995, the group fell apart and bassist Nate Mendel and drummer William Goldsmith were immediately tagged by D.C. native Dave

Grohl to form the Foo Fighters.

Two breakups later, SDRE reformed in 2003 as The Fire Theft, whose self-titled LP, released last fall, garnered the familiar glowing reviews from independent media and snubs from the big leagues.

Tracks like "Chain," and "Waste Time" highlight Enigk's considerable vocal talents and reveal a refined pop sensibility. Some songs



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After Sunny Day Real Estate burned out, The Fire Theft set off a conflagration.

bog down in indulgent prog-rock, but excess still beats artistic stagnation every time.

If the larger public has not yet been drawn to this group of musicians after more than 10 years of superb music and high drama, it's unlikely that their current incarnation as The Fire Theft will fare differently. If the latest album is any indication, these grandfathers of emo have a bright future — in one form or another. (PETER DENTON)

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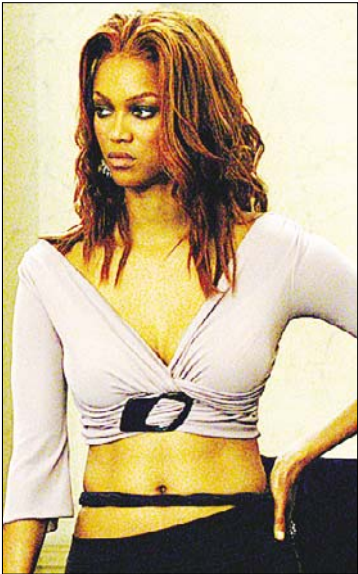
Television

Model Behavior

FINALES | Unlike every show in the history of the reality genre, “America’s Next Top Model” (9 p.m., UPN) wraps up sooner than it should. Tonight’s season finale will see the list go from three to one in the space of an hour.

“Model” has become my favorite reality show for a number of reasons. While both “Idol” and “Model” offer the winner a career payoff, “Model” lets us share in all of the overwrought emotional trauma. If “Idol” is a revamped “Star Search,” “Model” updates “Stage Door” for the new century.

The show reached an emotional high point last week with Shandi’s volcanic reaction to her own seemingly casual indiscretion. Arguably,



YOU BETTER WORK: Tyra eyes her girls.

no TV show, be it “reality,” comedy or drama, has depicted sex-induced guilt, shame and self-loathing quite so powerfully. Viewers who tuned in to see a hot-tub orgy were treated to Shandi’s howls of pain and recrimination. Not to mention her phone calls to screechy boyfriend Eric.

Shandi has been my pick to win ever since the first episode. Her nearsighted-Walgreen’s-clerk image was custom-made for a show that purports to turn ugly ducklings into swans. She also has the long, lean body and angular face the camera loves. Look for Mercedes to come in second, and for Yoanna to be eliminated in the first half-hour.

If you’re bummed that this is the end of “Model” for a while, think of how they feel at UPN. Next week, it’s back to “Rock Me Baby.”

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

NEXT, A THREE-HOUR SHOW
AMERICAN IDOL (8 p.m., Fox) The remaining 11 contestants compete on an expanded two-hour edition.

BRATS ARE ETERNAL
CENTURY CITY (9 p.m., CBS) On this futuristic law drama starring Hector Elizondo and Nestor Carbonell, a child actor seeks emancipation from his parents.



Carbonell

SHORT-SLEEVED SHIPMENTS
“T-Shirt Travels” on INDEPENDENT LENS (10 p.m., PBS) examines how castoff Western items can have a profound effect on developing countries. While filmmaker Shantha Bloemen worked in Zambia for an international aid organization, she was struck by how many of

the villagers wore secondhand clothes from America and the West — Chanel knockoffs and AC/DC T-shirts. Many people in the village made their living selling used clothes. Curious as to how those clothes got on the backs of tribal elders, Bloemen studied the trade in secondhand clothes from Salvation Army bins to container ships bound for Africa. Her film also explores the devastating effects this trade has had on indigenous garment manufacturers, as well as the trade and banking policies that have brought poverty to former Western colonies like Zambia.

CULT CHOICE
MADONNA: INNOCENCE LOST (8 p.m., WE) Terumi Matthews, Dean Stockwell and Wendie Malick star in the thoroughly unauthorized 1994 biopic. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

3.23.04	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30							
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC (4) News (cc)		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Whoopi (N) (cc)	Happy Family (N)	Frasier (f) (cc)	(31) Scrubs (cc)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)		News (cc)	The Tonight Show							
	WTTG (5) The Simpsons (f)	The Simpsons (f)	Friends (cc)	Seinfeld (f) (cc)	American Idol (iTV) Finalists compete. (S Live) (cc)			News		Friends (f) (cc)	Drew Carey								
	WJLA (7) News (cc)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	8 Simple Rules (f)			I'm With Her (f)	According to Jim	Less Than Perfect	NYPD Blue "Old Yeller" (N) (cc)	News (cc)	(35) Nightline						
	WUSA (9) News (cc)	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Navy NCIS "The Curse" (f) (cc)			Century City "To Know Her" (N) (f)		Judging Amy "Into the Fire" (f) (cc)	News (cc)	(35) Late Show							
	WDCA (20) Moesha (f) (cc)	The Hughleys (f)	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	One on One (f)		All of Us (cc)	America's Next Top Model (f) (cc)		Seinfeld (f) (cc)	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg	Dharma & Greg						
	WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (cc)	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Outdoors Md.	Nova "Mysterious Mummies of China"			Fred Rogers: America's Favorite Neighbor Biography. (f)		Passport-Adv.	In Search of Ancient Ireland (cc)								
LOCAL CHANNELS	WETA (26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (cc)	Sesno Reports	New Americans (f) (cc)			BBC World News		Tavis Smiley (f)	Charlie Rose (N) (f) (cc)								
	WHUT (32) The Big Picture	European Journal	BBC World News	MoneyWise	American Experience "Miss America" (f) (cc) (DVS)			BBC World News		Tavis Smiley (f)	Charlie Rose (N) (f) (cc)								
	WBDC (50) The Parkers (f)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (f)	Steve Harvey	Gilmore Girls "A Family Matter" (f)			NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Utah Jazz. From the Delta Center in Salt Lake City. (Live)			Blind Date (N) (f)								
	A&E	City Confidential (cc)		American Justice		Biography "Gary Busey" (cc)			Cold Case Files DNA technology convicts a rapist and a murderer. (N) (cc)			House of Dreams A winner is chosen.							
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Sea turtles.		Funnies Animals		50 Outrageous Animal Facts (cc)			Natural Born Sinners			Animal Cops Houston (cc)		50 Outrageous Animal Facts (cc)					
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		BET.com Count		The Parkers (f)			The Parkers (f)			Access Granted			College Hill	Animal Cops Houston (cc)	Comicview	BET Nightly News	Grown Folks
DISC. CABLE	Bravo	(4:30) ★★ "Under Suspicion" (1991)		The West Wing (f) (cc)		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (cc)			Significant Others		Significant Others	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (N)	The West Wing (f) (cc)						
	Comedy	Late Night (f) (cc)		The Daily Show		Mad TV (f) (cc)		Crank Yankers		Insomniac (cc)		South Park (cc)	Chappelle's Show	Crank Yankers (N)	The Daily Show	Tough Crowd (N)			
	Court	Body of Evidence		Cops (f) (cc)		Cops (f) (cc)		Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		Forensic Files		Forensic Files	The System "Missing"		NYPD Blue "Yes Sir, That's My Baby"				
	Discovery	Narrow Escapes		Justice Files "Getting Even" (cc)		New Detectives: Forensic Science			Animal Face-Off		MythBusters "Stinky Car" (cc)			New Detectives: Forensic Science					
	DISCH	Rescue 911 (cc)		Rescue 911 (cc)		Paramedics "Lonesome Highways"			Born Against the Odds (cc)		Make Room for Baby "Flower Power"			Nurses "Battling for Babies"		Born Against the Odds (cc)			
	Disney	Even Stevens		Sister, Sister (f)		Sister, Sister (f)		Lizzie McGuire		★ "MVP: Most Valuable Primate" (2000, Comedy) Kevin Zegers. (cc)			Sister, Sister (f)		Boy Meets World	Kim Possible	The Proud Family		
	E!	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled		E! News (N)		Love Chain		★ 101 Reasons the '90s Ruled			101 Reasons the '90s Ruled			101 Reasons the '90s Ruled			Howard Stern (N)	Howard Stern	
	FX	(5:00) ★★★ "X-Men" (2000)		★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. Survivors band together to repel an alien invasion.										The Shield "Bottom Bitch" (N) (cc)		The Shield "Bottom Bitch" (cc)			
	HGTV	Before & After		Bldg. Character		Curb Appeal		House Hunters		Outer Spaces (N)		Sensible Chic	Decorating Cents	Divine Design	Designers'	Designers'	Home to Go (f)	Date With Design	
	Family	Full House (cc)		Full House (cc)		7th Heaven "Rush to Judgment" (f)			★★ "Dennis the Menace" (1993, Comedy) Walter Matthau, Mason Gamble.			Whose Line?		Whose Line?	The 700 Club (cc)				
	History	Soviet Top Secret Weapons (cc)		Modern Marvels (cc)		Outlaw Bikers (cc)			Motorcycles How motorcycles have excited riders. (cc)							Hooked: Illegal Drugs			
	Lifetime	The Nanny (cc)		Designing Women		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		"Malpractice" (2001, Mystery) Stephanie Zimbalist, Gabrielle Carteris. (cc)			★★ "A Killer Among Friends" (1992, Drama) Patty Duke, Loretta Swit. (cc)						
	MTV	Made A girl wants to act. (f)		Direct Effect (f)			TRL (iTV) (f) (cc)			MTV Special (f)		MTV Special (f)	MTV Special (f)	The Osbournes	Famous Face	Famous Face			
	NICK	U-Pick (f)		Sabrina-Witch		Rugrats (f) (cc)		SpongeBob		Fairly Oddparents		All That (f)	Full House (cc)		Full House (cc)	Roseanne (cc)	Roseanne (cc)	Roseanne (cc)	Roseanne (cc)
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "The First Ones" (f)		Stargate SG-1 "1969" (f)			★★ "Fatal Error" (1999) Antonio Sabato Jr., Janine Turner. (f) (cc)			Star Trek: The Next Generation (cc)		Oblivious (N) (f)	Oblivious (N) (f)	Mad Mad House (f) (cc)	★ "It Came From Outer Space II" (f)				
	SPIKE	Real TV (f)		Real TV (f)		Star Trek: The Next Generation (cc)			★★★ "Fatal Error" (1999) Antonio Sabato Jr., Janine Turner. (f) (cc)			Star Trek: The Next Generation (cc)		Oblivious (N) (f)	Oblivious (N) (f)	Sports Illustrated: Swimsuit			
	TBS	Home Improve.		Seinfeld (f) (cc)		Seinfeld (f) (cc)		Friends (f) (cc)		★ "Driven" (2001, Action) (PA) Sylvester Stallone, Burt Reynolds. (cc)			(:10) ★★ "The Specialist" (1994) (PA) Sylvester Stallone, Sharon Stone. (cc)						
	TLC	Clean Sweep "All American Mess"		In a Fix Unfinished projects.			In a Fix "New Family Style" (N) (cc)			Rides "Heavy Metal"		Rides Lexus with a V8 engine.			In a Fix "New Family Style" (cc)				
	TNT	Charmed "Baby's First Demon" (cc)		Law & Order "Blood Money" (f)			Law & Order "True Crime" (f)			Law & Order "Absentia" (f)		Charmed "Sword and the City" (cc)			Angel "Judgement" (f) (cc)				
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger (f) (cc)		JAG "Liberty" (f) (cc)			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (f)			★★★ "Heist" (2001) Gene Hackman. A veteran thief is forced to perform one last robbery. (cc)			Law & Order						
VHI	(5:00) ★★ "Rock Star" (2001) Mark Wahlberg. (f)				Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Concert Class of 2004 (f)				You Rock With...				Best Week Ever		Behind the Music "Poison" (f) (cc)				
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	UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	Amar Otra Vez		Mariana de la Noche		Bajo la Misma Piel		Casos de la Vida Real		Primer Impacto		Noticiero Univ.					
	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (cc)		Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Second Round -- Teams TBA			Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Second Round -- Teams TBA			SportsCenter (Live) (cc)									
SPORTS	ESPN2	Kickboxing ISKA.	Kickboxing ISKA.	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Second Round -- Teams TBA			Tourn Update		Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Second Round -- Teams TBA		Basketball								
	CSN	Totally NASCAR	SportsNite (cc)	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at New York Islanders. (Live)			Caps Postgame		SportsNite (cc)		Pro View		The Best Damn Sports Show Period						
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight (cc)		Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)		Paula Zahn Now (cc)		Larry King Live (cc)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown (cc)		Lou Dobbs Tonight							
NEWS	FNC	Special Report (Live) (cc)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) (cc)		Hannity & Colmes (Live) (cc)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor							
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) (cc)		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight (Live)		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball (cc)							
	AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Thelma & Louise" (1991, Drama) Susan Sarandon. 'R'		★★★ "The Man From Snowy River" (1982) Kirk Douglas. Premiere. 'PG'			(:15) ★★★ "Bend of the River" (1952, Western) James Stewart. 'NR' (cc)												
MOVIES	TCM	★★ "Susan and God" (1940, Drama) Joan Crawford. 'NR' (cc)		★★★ "Flamingo Road" (1949, Drama) Joan Crawford. 'NR' (cc)			Joan Crawford: The Ultimate Movie Star (cc)		Strange Cargo										
	HBO	★★ "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez. (f) 'PG-13' (cc)		★★★ "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. (f) 'R' (cc)			★★★ "Real Women Have Curves" (2002) 'PG-13' (cc)		The Sopranos "Where's Johnny?" (f)										
	MAX	From Justin		(:20) ★★ "Judge Dredd" (1995) Sylvester Stallone. 'R'			★★★ "Cradle 2 the Grave" (2003) Jet Li. (f) 'R' (cc)		Dreamcatcher		★★ "Analyze That" (2002) Robert De Niro. (f) 'R' (cc)		Play-Mate-Apes						
	SHOW	(:15) ★ "Crossroads" (2002) Britney Spears. iTV. (f) 'PG-13' (cc)		★★ "R Xmas" (2001) Drea de Matteo. iTV. (f) 'R' (cc)			★ "Halloween: Resurrection" (2002) Jamie Lee Curtis.		"American Psycho II"										
	TMC	(:15) ★★ "Tart" (2001, Drama) Dominique Swain, Brad Renfro. (f) 'R' (cc)		★★★ "Ulee's Gold" (1997, Drama) Peter Fonda, Patricia Richardson. (f) 'R'			★★★ "The Sum of All Fears" (2002) Ben Affleck. (f) 'PG-13' (cc)												
	STARZ!	(5:50) ★★★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen. (f) 'PG-13' (cc)		★★★ "Heat" (1995, Drama) Al Pacino. A homicide detective matches wits with a cunning adversary. (f) 'R' (cc)															
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★ "Untamed Heart" (1993, Drama) Christian Slater. (f) 'PG-13' (cc)		★★ "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985)			(:35) ★★ "Regarding Henry" (1991, Drama) Harrison Ford. (f) 'PG-13' (cc)		★★★ Daylight (f)										

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SACF, 31, **SCORPIO**, seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor, 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆644865**
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22-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'10", light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SB/HM, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **✆771602**

SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **✆356120**

FEMALE SPORTS FAN. SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **✆644991**

ARE YOU THE honorable, articulate, handsome, SBPM, 5'10+, 35-40, for this opinionated, outgoing, attractive, SBPF 38? Lets find out. **✆412913**

9:00AM, FEBRUARY 28. Pentagonag Federal Credit Union Barday Drive. We locked eyes in our cars and smiled until my father came. You were one place away. **✆953416**

SBF, 38, 5'2", dark complexion, seeks SWM, 35-50, who enjoys museums, cultural events, English history. Must like cuddling, workouts, and be unafraid of intimacy. **✆919620**

COSMO GIRL SEEKS Maxim guy. Attractive SBPF, Christian, 31, seeks funny, ambitious SPM, 27-35, any race, who enjoys quiet nights, lounges, sports, pets, the arts. **✆905608**

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, PASSIONATE, fun SBF, 34, 5'3", 110lbs, with great sense of humor, seeks handsome, well-mannered, thoughtful, intelligent SW/HM, 32-45, N/S, for LTR. **✆903253**

ROMANCE IS NOT DEAD! 32-year-old BF, 5'9", slim, attractive, physically/mentally sound, seeks tall gentleman, 28-44, H/W proportionate, career/goal-oriented, with minimal baggage. No serial daters, please. **✆830806**

SEXY, SPONTANEOUS, ADVENTUROUS SBF, 27, 5'3", light brown eyes, seeks open-minded SWM, 27-35, for relationship, possibly more. **✆839502**

ATTRACTIVE MOM. SBCF, 31, 5'6", HPTW, down-to-earth, honest, hopeless romantic, seeking marriage-minded SCM, with SOH, HPTW, enjoys life, love, family, and wants to build forever. **✆819822**

EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **✆686805**

ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **✆393133**

SWF, 33, **ATTORNEY**, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog a+. **✆589833**

OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF, 37, seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. **✆512872**

GENTLE, BROWN-SKINNED WOMAN, 36, radiant smile and natural beauty, seeks kind-hearted, fit gentleman, 34-45, N/S, for nature outings, cultural events, and relaxed conversation. **✆470350**

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED SBF, 36, Gemini, N/S, seeks WM, 36-40, N/S, who is educated, with no children, for LTR. **✆452998**

BF, 35, **TWO** children, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **✆387065**

SBF, 30, 5'6", 170lbs, losing weight, dark-skinned, cute, good job, two kids, likes movies, dinners, theater, spending time at home. Seeking SM, 30-38, companionship first. **✆955059**

HARD-WORKING SF, 37, 5'6", 180lbs, enjoys helping people, dining in/out, cooking, reading, television and more. Seeking kind-hearted, intelligent, humorous SWM, 40-45, for friendship first. **✆942992**

SHF, 32, **ENJOYS** dancing, movies, dining out, laughter, conversation and more. Seeking friendly, outgoing, intelligent SH/HM, 35-40, for friendship, maybe more. **✆948591**

ATTRACTIVE, CARING, PETITE SWF, 33, 5'3", 125lbs, brown/brown, honest, friendly, easygoing. Seeking good-hearted man, 33-41, honest, loving, ready to start a family. **✆946926**

VEGETARIAN NATURE GIRL, 25, caring, honest, fun-loving, down-to-earth, passionate, enjoys walks in the rain, holding hands, cuddling. ISO honest man, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆858042**

SWPF, CHRISTIAN, 5'8", blonde/blue, easygoing, flexible, young-at-heart, loves kids (mine are grown). Likes fun and excitement. Seeks WPCM, 40+, for companionship, possible LTR. **✆500473**

SEPARATED BPF, 27, petite, intelligent, from the West Indies, living in Alexandria, Aries, N/S, seeks S/DWM, 27-35. **✆937391**

LINGERING OVER COFFEE, strolling Fourteenth Street, kayaking Georgetown, E-street movie, home-cooked vegetarian cury, laughing with friends. A great Saturday? SWF, 37, ISO SM, 32-45. **✆882826**

SMART, INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, sweet sexy woman, 5'5", spiritual, enjoys traveling, cooking, working out, seeks a confident, outgoing, physically fit, financially secure, SBM, 6+, w/smooth skin. **✆874442**

ARTISTIC DWF, 37, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an unconceited, loving S/DWM, 32-45, who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **✆804441**

SBF, 35, **WITH** beautiful light-brown eyes, seeks a man for lazy days at home, and just being in each other's company. **✆934824**

VERY PRETTY, INTELLIGENT SBF, 28, 5'6", well-built. Seeking sincere, kind, caring, spiritual, happy SCM, 30-35, for stable relationship, possible marriage. **✆920670**

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **✆640310**

HONEST, SINCERE, FULL-FIGURED SBPF loves shopping, travel, reading, dancing, fun. Seeking gentlemanly SBPM, 27-40, preferably with no children. No games. **✆874525**
SBF, 24, 5'6", 116lbs, slender build, enjoys jazz and just about any kind of fun. Seeking SBM, 21-39, N/S, no children, for LTR. **✆805837**

INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT, TRUSTWORTHY SBF, 37, seeks down-to-earth, humorous, loving SWM, 28-40, who enjoys football, dining out, reading, movies, music and more. **✆428066**

NUBIAN PRINCESS. SBCF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBCM, 5'11+", for companionship. **✆767234**

NICE-LOOKING SBPF, 40+ SOMETHING, enjoys a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Seeking an attractive SPM, early 40s, for a relationship. **✆794643**

DBF, 36, **PLUS-SIZED**, enjoys church, reading, traveling, bowling, quiet times. Seeks honest, caring BM, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆690178**

SAPF, 38, **SEEKS** honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. **✆895164**

SPF, 30, **IS** interested in meeting a CM, who enjoys watching movies, dancing, reading and more. **✆911640**

SBF, 29, 5'5", bachelor's degree, likes working out, music, talking, sitting by fire. Seeking SM, 26-45, similar interests, for fun times, more. **✆808942**

LOVING LIFE. SBF, 31, light brown complexion, seeking SWM, 30-38, with a big heart, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆904312**

STRONG, EDUCATED, SLIM, healthy, beautiful black female seeks white or Hispanic male, 25-38, for long-term relationship. **✆905999**

SPF, 5'9", **HPTW**, ISO professional male, 35-55, N/S, drama-free, ISO companionship, laughter, good times and more. **✆905221**

ALEXANDRIA, VA. SWPF, 32, N/S, genuine and sincere with a warm heart. Enjoys hiking, fishing, boating, the ater, travel. Seeking SWPM, 27-37, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆903265**

PREPARE TO CIRCLE this one! Cute, fit SBPF, seeks the company of an attractive, energetic, sports-minded SPM, 27-37. Guaranteed fun times ahead! **✆905591**

GOOD-HEARTED DBF, 32, 5'3", N/S, one child, gentle gem, genuinely generous, seeks playful, honest, trustworthy, reliable, stable family man for LTR. Race unimportant. **✆874267**

SHY, LAID-BACK, HUMOROUS SBF, 35, mother of one, enjoys shopping, quiet evenings home and more. Seeking honest, humorous, down-to-earth SBM, 27-47, for friendship, maybe more. **✆893447**

FUN-LOVING SBCF, 36, medium build, secure, ISO honest SBCM, 36-40, who appreciates a good woman, for friendship, dating and possible LTR. **✆80186**

CHRISTIAN SBPF, 33, gentle, sincere, music lover, entrepreneur, seeking Christian SBPM, who's prayerful, honest, kind, gentlemanly, handsome, adventuresome, N/Children, never married, 33-39, for dating/relationship/possible LTR. **✆801215**

VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35, 5'4", slender, brown/green, enjoys music, traveling, trying new things, seeking handsome, well-educated, tall, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, no kids, LTR. **✆875669**

ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE SBCF, 46, loves the Lord, enjoys movies, traveling, quiet times. Seeking sincere, honest SBM, with similar interests, enjoys conversation, good sense of humor. **✆871514**

SLENDER, ATTRACTIVE SWF, 29, long blonde hair, loves the arts, literature, history and more. Seeking well-educated, fit, non-smoking S/DWPM, 27-38, 5'8"+, for dating, possible LTR. **✆855756**

EDUCATED, TRUSTWORTHY, ATTRACTIVE SBPF, 30, 6', enjoys dining out, intelligent conversation more. Seeking highly educated, relationship-oriented SM, 30-40, 6'+, with no children for possible LTR. **✆852480**

SPONTANEOUS, ENTHUSIASTIC, WITTY, well-rounded, mature SBF, 22, 5'9", very attractive college grad, enjoys the gym, reading, travel. Seeking SBM, 25-32, 6'+, no children, college-educated, attractive, fit, well-mannered. **✆853960**

SBF, 31, 5'8", 145lbs seeking kind-hearted, honest, down-to-earth SWM, 40-55, for dating and possible LTR. **✆850317**

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SBM, 27, 5'11", enjoys dining out, romance, laughter, movies, music, conversation, adventure and more. Seeking outgoing, intelligent, attractive SB/HF, 23-30, for friendship, maybe more. **✆976602**

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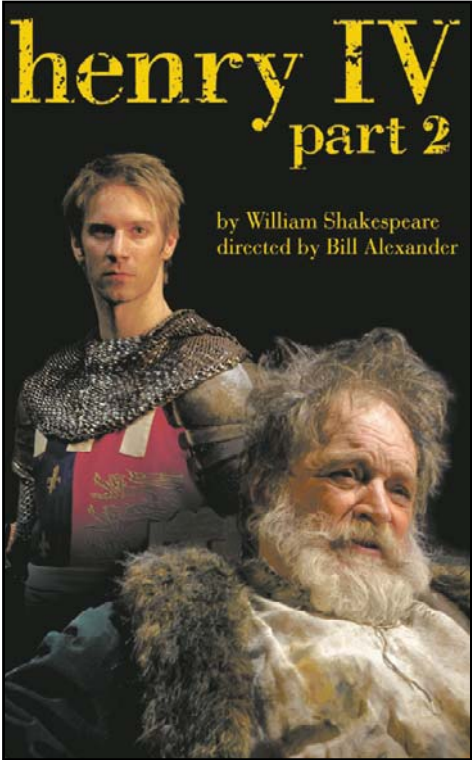


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RUMORS Why Would Art Imitate Life?

Although his latest album is titled “Confessions” and features songs about a painful breakup and infidelity, **USHER** swears it’s not a reflection on his recent split with TLC member Rozonda “Chilli” Thomas. However, in a radio interview, Chilli accused Usher of being unfaithful. The album’s title song is about a man who gets another woman pregnant. (AP)

WRONGS The ‘Chinny-Chin-Chin’ Thing Has Been Done, Dude

JAY LENO has written a picture book called “If Roast Beef Could Fly,” based on a family cookout from his childhood. “Simon & Schuster called me one day and said, ‘Are you thinking of doing a children’s book?’ And I said, ‘No!’” Leno said. The book comes with a CD of Leno reading the story and goes on sale Tuesday. (AP)

FAUX PAS There Are So Many Things Wrong With This Picture

The band whose pyrotechnics sparked a Providence, R.I., nightclub fire that killed 100 people in

2003 distanced itself from the re-release of an album and its title — “Burning House of Love.” A manager and a lawyer for the 1980s rock band **GREAT WHITE** said the CD is an unauthorized release and the title is in

bad taste. The album comprises covers of other bands’ songs performed by Great White. The CD, released by the label Horizon Italy, is being sold on Internet sites, including Amazon.com. (AP)



TRIUMPHANT RETURNS A Special Message from Madonna

MADONNA will begin a world tour on May 24, with stops in New York, London and Paris, it was gleefully announced Monday. “I’m happy to confirm the rumors. Madonna will be going out on tour this spring and summer,” her manager laughed. The singer has started rehearsals for the Re-Invention Tour, “and she can’t wait to get back on stage to recreate her songs from the earliest days of her career up until the present!” (AP)

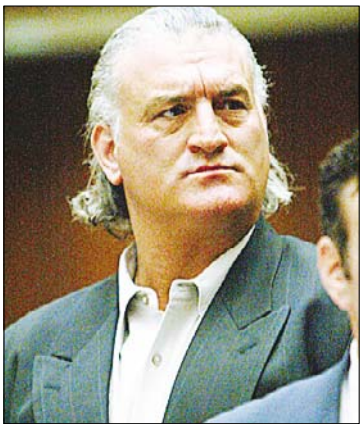
WISHES Does This Mean That Reese Will Sing?

Producers of an upcoming movie on the life of country star **JOHNNY CASH** say they may start shooting in June. The movie stars Joaquin Phoenix as the “Man in Black” and Reese Witherspoon as his wife, June Carter Cash. The movie is titled “Walk the

Line” after Cash’s 1956 hit, “I Walk the Line.” Despite all the time Cash spent in Tennessee, Memphis is no lock to be the location for filming, producers said. Cash died Sept. 12 at 71, four months after his wife of 35 years, June Carter Cash, died at 73. (AP)

NOT AGAIN Please, Stop Doing Things

JOEY BUTTAFUOCO, whose 17-year-old lover became known as the “Long Island Lolita” after shooting his wife in the face, was sentenced to a year in jail for auto insurance fraud. Buttafuoco, 48, pleaded guilty to a single felony count and was immediately booked into the Los Angeles County Jail. Prosecutors said Buttafuoco, who co-owns a San Fernando Valley body shop, told undercover investigators how to file phony insurance claims for undamaged cars. (AP)



Is this man famous only because he has a funny name? You decide.

SISTERS Study Up on the Couric Clan

The late state Sen. **EMILY COURIC**’s political papers will be placed in a special collection alongside the documents of other famous Virginia politicians, including former president Thomas Jefferson. Couric’s widower, Dr. George A. Beller, donated the papers to the

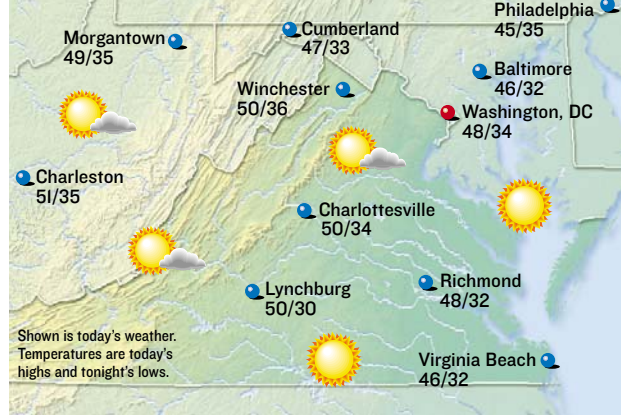
University of Virginia during a ceremony Saturday. Couric, whose sister is “Today” show co-host Katie Couric, was a Charlottesville Democrat elected twice to the Virginia Senate before she died three years ago from pancreatic cancer. She was 54. (AP)



5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny; a cold start	Partly cloudy and cold	Partly sunny and becoming milder	Cloudy; a chance of showers	Showers early, then partly sunny	Partly sunny and warm
48°	34°	56° / 46°	68° / 48°	62° / 46°	66° / 46°

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Mon.
Temperature
High 41°
Low 28°
Normal high 58°
Normal low 39°
Average humidity 32%

Precipitation
24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
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Normal month to date 2.60"
Year to date 5.51"
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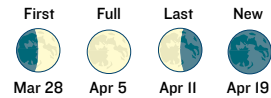
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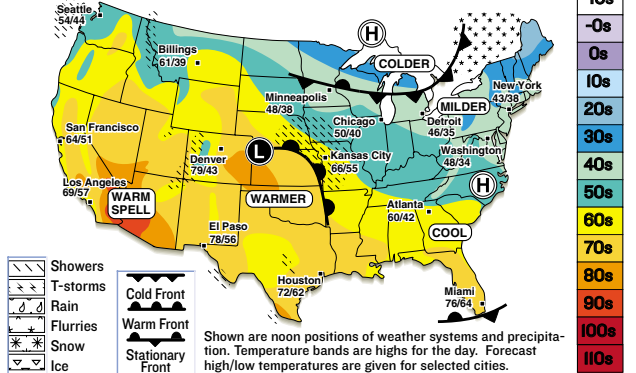
D.C. Metro: Today, chilly early, sunny. High 48. Wind southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, cold. Low 28 in a few suburbs to 34 in the city.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight 6:23 p.m.
Moonrise today 7:30 a.m.
Moonset today 9:22 p.m.



National Weather for Tuesday, March 23



National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	60/42/s	70/49/s
Boston	40/32/s	50/42/pc
Chicago	50/40/pc	58/40/r
Dallas	70/60/t	73/61/t
Denver	79/43/c	73/42/sh
Honolulu	79/71/pc	83/73/pc
Los Angeles	69/57/pc	67/57/pc
Miami	76/64/pc	77/67/pc
New York City	43/38/s	54/43/c
Orlando	72/52/pc	76/56/pc
Seattle	54/44/sh	54/42/r

World Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Amsterdam	43/33/sh	40/31/sh
Athens	64/50/c	62/44/pc
Berlin	46/31/c	42/26/c
Buenos Aires	84/67/s	83/68/s
Calgary	54/35/pc	46/31/c
Dublin	47/32/sh	47/31/pc
Geneva	41/27/c	39/27/c
Moscow	44/24/c	44/27/c
Rome	54/35/sh	51/37/sh
Sydney	77/55/s	75/58/s
Tokyo	52/39/pc	53/44/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

THROUGHOUT THIS DEBATE concerning same-sex marriage, confusion has existed concerning the difference between civil and religious marriage. Interpretation of Scripture is irrelevant when considering if same-sex marriage should be a civil right. From a religious perspective, the decision to sanction same-sex marriage will always be a personal one. But from a civil perspective, denying same-sex marriage based on religious conviction amounts to discrimination.

—TIZIANA LOHNES
Takoma Park, Md.

I'M WRITING IN REGARD to the article "Bush Defends Terror Fight" (March 19), in which you say that Bush addressed "troops at this military base where the war on terrorism has cost the lives of 72 soldiers: 65 in Iraq and 7 in Afghanistan."

I don't know why people (other than Bush) confuse Iraq and the war on terrorism as being one and the same. They're not, and the only evidence that they were was based on intelligence we now know to be false, and off-hand remarks that the administration is distancing itself from.

—ANTHONY ROBERTS
Springfield, Va.

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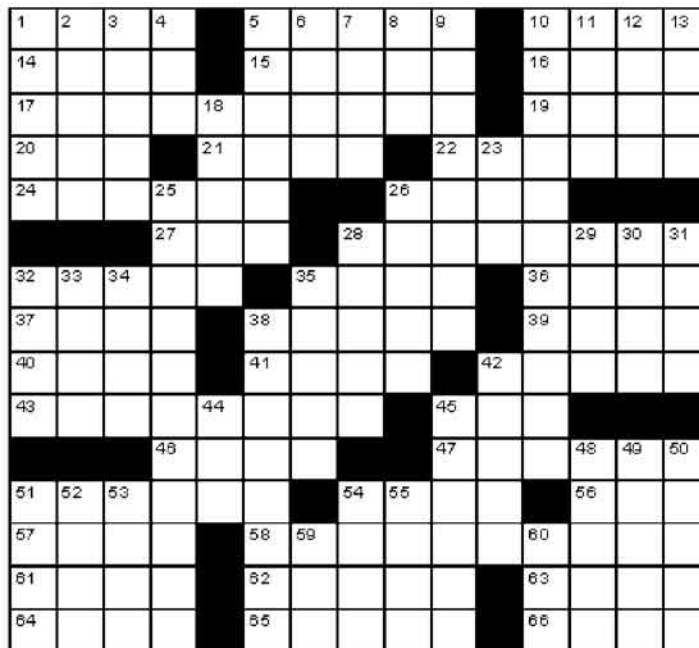
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Dress Parade | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Abacus unit
- 5 Completely unfamiliar
- 10 Smog
- 14 Wheel rod
- 15 Russian furbearer
- 16 Desktop image
- 17 Gas-saving car option
- 19 Watch carefully
- 20 Good Feelings, for one
- 21 Egghead sort
- 22 Talks back to
- 24 Cupid companion
- 26 Hold out
- 27 Gathered together
- 28 Ship or plane partition
- 32 Chasm
- 35 One and only
- 36 "Bells Are Ringing" heroine
- 37 Barnstorming feat
- 38 Scottish cattle breed
- 39 Short parody
- 40 Three gift bearers
- 41 Cartoon Bunny
- 42 Sew loosely
- 43 Waits in readiness
- 45 Rocket trajectory
- 46 Passing comments?
- 47 Dapper
- 51 Stun with noise
- 54 New Mexico home of Kit Carson



- 56 Soft murmur
- 57 Fuzzy red monster
- 58 Spot for rings
- 61 Jetty
- 62 Pandora's escapees
- 63 Twofold
- 64 Window insert
- 65 Continue without a break

- 66 Nimble
- DOWN**
- 1 Headquartered
- 2 Theater walk-on
- 3 Crook's cover
- 4 Yr. ender
- 5 State
- 6 Garland co-star
- 7 "The same" in

- 8 2003 Christmas film
- 9 Retailer's concern
- 10 Calls it a day, really
- 11 Court winners
- 12 Sector
- 13 "... in the two ___ of the mercy seat" (Ex. 25: 18)

- 18 Pants parts
- 23 Drill
- 25 Musical that debuted in 1878
- 26 Corkers
- 28 Soft and waterlogged
- 29 Big game
- 30 Landed
- 31 Time line inclusion
- 32 Help for the poor
- 33 It's not to be missed
- 34 Meditative exercise
- 35 Rebuffs
- 38 Report card notation
- 42 Higher-ups
- 44 Gray-hair banisher
- 45 Spark
- 48 Become frosty
- 49 Water-penetrating device
- 50 In a heated manner
- 51 "Edward Scissor-hands" star
- 52 Literary pen name
- 53 Word said with closed eyes, often
- 54 Alg. follower
- 55 Scopes trial org.
- 59 "___ Got Sixpence"
- 60 WR's scores

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll know precisely what you should do in almost every situation — but at one point you may be confused by the options open to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Things are coming down to the wire, and you'll want to make sure that you keep the pace up and your competition at a distance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll have to put in a little extra effort simply to please those who have assigned you certain duties. Be sure to go the distance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Others are waiting for you to throw down your trump card — but you know that now is not the time. Remain patient and watch others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You'll be pleased with your own progress, but someone may criticize you for doing something he or she doesn't fully understand. Remain calm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — That which comes your way may demand a little more attention than usual. By day's end you'll realize something new about your situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You have what it takes to provide just the right thing at the right time to someone who is unable to ask openly for help. Come to the rescue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — A little private entertainment allows you to see a new side of someone very close to you. A surprise is in store, so be ready.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may not know what is expected of you at all times, but if you use your imagination you should be able to satisfy those in charge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may miss the mark — but only by a very narrow margin. No one will deny you the chance to do it all over again successfully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You can do something which others consider to be remarkable — and, indeed, some may consider you something of a hero as a result.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be having a little difficulty when it comes to saying what's on your mind. Make a point of being open and honest.

LIVE ONLINE

The Mideast

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

HENRY SIEGMAN, director of the U.S. Middle East Project at the Council on Foreign Relations, was online Monday to discuss the killing of Hamas spiritual leader and founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin in an Israeli missile attack.

Is the international backlash for the assassination unwarranted given that Hamas is a terrorist organization and Yassin has been found to be the orchestrator of numerous attacks against Israel?

The question is not whether Sheikh Yassin deserved what he got — he lived by the sword and must have expected to die by the sword. Instead, the question is what did Israel hope to achieve with this targeted assassination? Clearly, the killing of Yassin added to the rage of his followers, who will now be even more willing than before to sacrifice their lives for the sake of killing Israelis.

Do you believe that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon made this decision without any green light from Washington?

I do not believe that Sharon asked for a green light, and if he did, that it would have been given to him. The consequence of Yassin's assassination will undoubtedly be to increase general Arab hostility towards the U.S. and to its efforts to "democratize" the "greater" region. Since Sharon has made a big public display of not doing anything without first checking with President Bush, even moderates in the Arab world will believe that he acted with the president's approval.

Isn't it time for the U.N. to move in and draw a line between the two parties to stop the aggression?

The U.N. cannot act without Security Council authorization and Security Council members, including first and foremost the U.S., are unlikely to agree to precedence that someday may justify U.N. intervention in what they would consider their own internal affairs.

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NOON: Author Susan Douglas discusses her new book, "The Mommy Myth," about the falsely glamorized nature of mothering.

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